



THE ASSISTANT COACHES



RIP SCHERER

Assistant Head Coach/Quarterbacks



Rip Scherer is in his first year as the assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach, joining CU on January 24, 2011 as the final hire by Jon Embree to complete his first staff. Scherer returned to the college ranks after spending six seasons in the National Football League with the Carolina Panthers and Cleveland Browns and in all has 32 years of full-time coaching experience, 26 at the college level.

Scherer, 59, worked the past two seasons (2009-10) for the Carolina Panthers, where he was the

quarterbacks coach after spending the previous four seasons (2005-08) with the Cleveland Browns. Prior to that, he had logged time at 11 different schools from coast to coast in just over three decades in the collegiate ranks.

At Carolina, Scherer was integral in the development of Matt Moore, who led the Panthers to a 4-1 record starting the last five games of the 2009 season and generating a 104.9 quarterback rating after veteran Jake Delhomme sustained an injury. With injuries taking their toll on the 2010 stable of quarterbacks, Scherer and the Panthers used four different quarterbacks under center throughout the season.

In Cleveland, he served as the quarterbacks coach all four seasons from 2005-08, the final two adding assistant head coaching duties to his responsibilities. In his time there, he helped develop Derek Anderson, who was selected to the 2007 Pro Bowl after throwing for 3,787 yards and 29 touchdowns as the Browns boasted the eighth-best offense in the NFL in terms of scoring and passing yards per game.

He entered the professional ranks after he had coaching stints in the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC, including two stops as a head coach at James Madison and Memphis. Prior to joining the Browns, he was an assistant coach at Southern Mississippi in 2003-04 where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He held the same title at Kansas for the 2001 season, when he coached a game in Boulder against several of his current colleagues including Embree, Eric Bieniemy, Brian Cabral and Steve Marshall during the Buffs' Big 12 Championship run (CU won that game, 27-16, in the first contest for both following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks).

He went to Kansas from Memphis, where he served as head coach from 1995-2000, compiling a 22-44 record. He coached the Tigers to the school's first-ever (and still only) win over Tennessee, 21-17, with the Volunteers ranked No. 6 at the time in 1996, a victory that was tabbed the "Upset of the Year" in college football by several news organizations (Memphis had been 0-15 against the Vols in its history). Prior to coaching at Memphis, he was the head coach at James Madison from 1991-94, during a time when the Dukes set or tied over 140 school records and helped them to a 10-3 record in 1994 and 29-19 record in four years.

He was also the offensive coordinator at Arizona, Alabama and Georgia Tech. He was in Tucson from 1988-90, the first season as the director of football operations and then the offensive coordinator the final two years. Prior to that, he was the offensive coordinator at Alabama in 1987 and Georgia Tech in 1986, where he was on staff from 1980-86, first as the quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator in 1980-81 and running backs coach and run game coordinator from

1982-84. He was also an assistant athletic director at Georgia Tech in 1985 before returning to the field the next season.

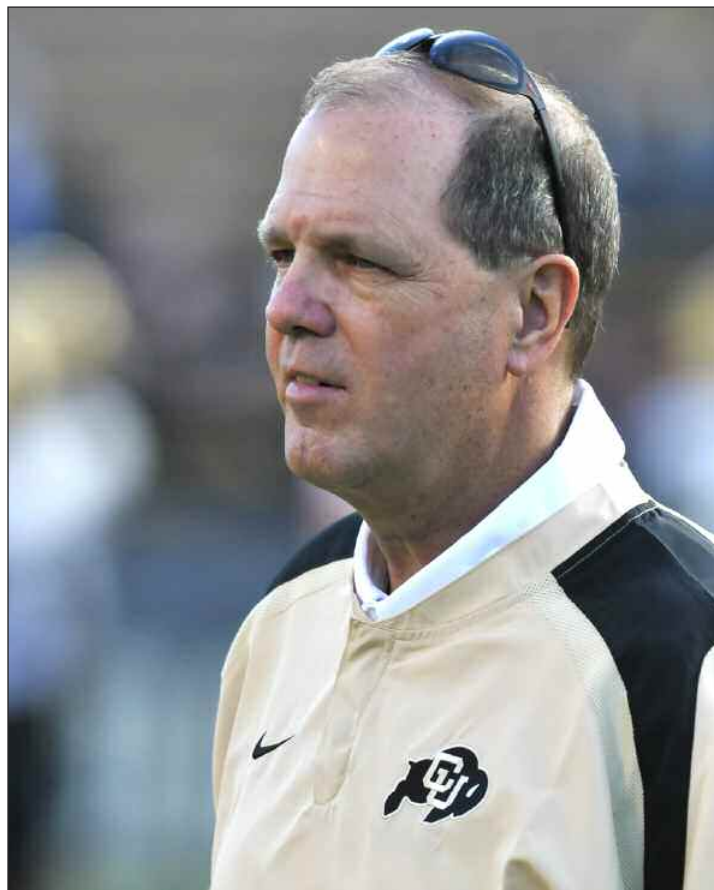
He started his coaching career at Penn State under legendary coach Joe Paterno as a graduate assistant in 1974-75 and then moved to North Carolina State, where he was the quarterbacks coach in 1976 before moving on to Hawai'i as the running backs coach in 1977-78. He coached the quarterbacks at Virginia in 1979 before going to Georgia Tech.

Scherer earned his bachelor's degree in Physical Education from William & Mary in 1974, where he lettered three times at quarterback under coach Lou Holtz from 1971-73.

He was born August 3, 1952 in Pittsburgh, Pa., and graduated from Toms River (N.J.) South High School, where he lettered in football. He is married to the former Michele Ragone, and the couple has three children, Scott, Melanie and Ryan (who is a junior wide receiver at Penn State). His father, Rip Sr., was a long time high school football coach in Pittsburgh.

TOP PLAYERS COACHED (COLLEGE): Numerous; most notable: All-American TB Bobby Humphrey (1987, while offensive coordinator at Alabama).

RECORD: He has coached in 296 college football games as a full-time coach, 248 on the Division I-A/FBS level and 48 in Division I-AA. At nine previous FBS schools, he coached the most games, 66, at both Georgia Tech and Memphis. He has coached in five bowl games (all in different time zones: Hall of Fame, Copper, Aloha, Liberty, New Orleans), including one New Year's Day.





ERIC BIENIEMY

Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs



Eric Bieniemy is in his first year as offensive coordinator and running backs coach at Colorado, returning to the Buffalo program for the third time in his football career as he was the first staff hire by new head coach Jon Embree. His hiring was announced the same day as Embree's, on December 6, 2010.

Bieniemy, 42, was an All-American tailback for the Buffs from 1987-90, finishing third in the voting for the 1990 Heisman Trophy, and then returned to begin his collegiate coaching career in 2001, the first of two seasons as running backs coach under then-head coach Gary Barnett.

In Bieniemy's first six seasons as a player and coach in Boulder, the Buffaloes were the consensus 1990 national champions and won three conference titles (1989 and 1990 Big 8 and 2001 Big 12).

He returned to his alma mater after coaching the running backs for five seasons with the Minnesota Vikings (2006-10), overseeing one of the most productive rushing units in the National Football League in that span, helping the team win consecutive NFC North Division titles in 2008 and 2009. In those five seasons, the Vikings produced a 1,000-yard rusher each year while his stable of running backs broke the 100-yard mark 31 times in 80 regular season games.

In 2006, he coached Chester Taylor, who rushed for 1,216 yards; the next season, Taylor combined with four-time All-Pro selection Adrian Peterson to form one of the most dynamic duos in the NFL, as the two combined for 2,185 yards (1,341 by Peterson, who was All-Pro as a rookie). That season the Vikings led the NFL in rushing with 2,634 yards and set franchise marks of 5.3 yards per carry and 22 rushing touchdowns.

Peterson set a Vikings record with 1,760 yards in 2008, earning the Bert Bell Award as the Pro Football Player of the Year and was a runner-up in the Associated Press Offensive Player of the Year voting. Peterson then led the NFL with 18 rushing touchdowns in 2009, with 1,383 rushing yards and 1,819 yards from scrimmage. In 2010, Peterson galloped for 1,398 yards and 12 touchdowns, bringing his totals to 5,782 yards and 52 touchdowns under Bieniemy's tutelage.

Bieniemy made the move to the professional ranks after three seasons as the running backs coach at UCLA (2003-05), where he was also the Bruins' recruiting coordinator his last year there. Bieniemy and Embree both left CU for UCLA in January 2003 to join former CU assistant and new UCLA head coach Karl Dorrell's staff. Their best season came in 2005, when the Bruins posted a 10-2 record and finished No. 16 in the final AP poll.

While at UCLA, Bieniemy tutored Maurice Jones-Drew for three seasons, who selected the Bruins over CU after a long and hard recruiting battle. Jones-Drew earned Freshman All-America honors in 2003, rushed for 1,007 yards in 2004 (just the 10th UCLA player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season), and was a consensus All-America selection as a kick returner in 2005, when he averaged 28.5 yards per punt return, a school record and one of the top figures ever recorded nationally.

Bieniemy returned to Colorado in 2000 after his nine-year NFL career and got his first taste of coaching as an assistant at Thomas Jefferson High in Denver that fall while he began work to complete his degree at CU in sociology. He was hired by Barnett as CU's running backs coach on January 22, 2001, contingent on his graduating later that spring, which he achieved in May of 2001. Upon his return, he shined in the classroom, compiling a 3.5 grade point average in his remaining 11 courses he needed to graduate.

In 2001, his first season, CU ranked eighth in the nation in rushing, averaging 228.5 yards per game while CU's tailbacks and fullbacks rushed for 2,620 yards, the most yards out of all the running back positions in the country. Both Chris Brown (946 yards 16 touchdowns) and Bobby Purify (916, 5) flirted with 1,000-yard seasons while Cortlen Johnson added another 567 yards and four scores. Brown capped the regular season with 198 yards and a CU record six touchdowns in CU's 62-36 win over BCS No. 1 Nebraska, and followed it up with 182 yards and three scores in the 39-

37 win over Texas in the Big 12 title game.

In 2002, the Buffs ranked sixth in the nation in rushing, and were first again with yards out of the running back positions. Brown was in the Heisman chase most of the year, finishing with 1,744 yards and 18 touchdowns before an ankle injury sidelined him for the final two regular season games, but still earned first-team All-America honors. He coached Brian Calhoun to a pair of 100-yard rushing games in Brown's place. Purify (3,016) and Brown (2,690) rank third and sixth, respectively, on CU's career rushing chart.

Bieniemy's footprints are still all over the CU record book, as he remains the school's all-time leader in rushing yards (3,940), all-purpose yards (4,351) and touchdowns (42), and is still second in scoring (254 points). He was the nation's second leading rusher in 1990 with 1,628 yards and 17 touchdowns, when he finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting behind BYU's Ty Detmer (the winner) and Notre Dame's Raghieb Ismail. One of his most memorable games was at Nebraska his senior year, when he overcame five fumbles in the first three quarters to score four fourth quarter touchdowns in leading the Buffs to a 27-12 victory that put CU in the driver's seat for a second straight Big 8 title as well as on the road to the school's first national championship in football.

In 1990, he earned unanimous All-America honors along with guard Joe Garten and linebacker Alfred Williams, the first three players to be named as unanimous selections in CU history. He was a two-time first-team All-Big Eight performer, in 1988 and 1990, and earned the conference's offensive player of the year honor as a senior. As a junior, he was named to CU's prestigious 25-member "All-Century Football Team," the only active player at the time to be selected to the group honoring the first 100 years of Buffalo football.

He was a second-round draft pick of the San Diego Chargers in the 1991 NFL Draft (the 39th player selected overall). He enjoyed a nine-year pro career with three teams: San Diego (1991-94), Cincinnati (1995-98) and Philadelphia (1999). In 142 career games, he rushed for 1,589 yards and 11 touchdowns while catching 146 passes for 1,223 yards. He also returned kickoffs, including one for a touchdown against the New York Giants (at Giants Stadium) when he was with the Bengals. His final year with the Chargers, he played in Super Bowl XXIX as a member of San Diego's AFC champion team.

Bieniemy was born August 15, 1969 in New Orleans. He lettered in football and track at Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, Calif., earning second-team All-America honors in football as a senior when he rushed for 2,002 yards and 30 touchdowns. He is married to the former Mia Maxie and the couple has two sons, Eric III (15) and Elijah (11).

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (3): Chris Brown, Brian Calhoun, Maurice Jones-Drew. All-Big 12/Pac-10 (9): Brown, Calhoun, Brandon Drumm, Cortlen Johnson, Jones-Drew, Chris Markey, Michael Pitre, Bobby Purify, Lawrence Vickers. NFL Players/Draft Picks (5): Brown, Calhoun, Jones-Drew, Drumm, Vickers. NFL All-Pro Performers (3): Jones-Drew, Peterson, Tony Richardson, Vickers (alternate).

RECORD—He has coached in 64 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 41-23 (19-8 at Colorado and 22-15 at UCLA); he has coached in five bowl games (one New Year's Day) and two conference championship games, both at Colorado. Professionally, he coached in 83 National Football League games, including three playoff games, with the Vikings, owning a 43-40 record. The Vikings made two playoff appearances in 2008 (10-6) and 2009 (12-4) winning the NFC North Division both years.





GREG BROWN

Defensive Coordinator / Secondary



Greg Brown is in his first year as defensive coordinator, and his third stint at the University of Colorado under as many head coaches, as Jon Embree brought him back as a member of his inaugural coaching staff on December 17, 2010. He had barely been gone from Boulder for a year before the call came for him to return.

He spent the 2010 season as the co-defensive coordinator at the University of Arizona, helping return the Wildcats to the nation's Top 25 for the first time in over a decade. At CU, he had most recently served as secondary coach for four seasons (2006-09), the last three as defensive

passing game coordinator, after returning in 2006 to the state of Colorado for the fourth time in his professional career.

Brown, 53, resurfaced at CU in January 2006, named to the staff of new Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins following the completion of the 2005 National Football League season. He wrapped up his fourth and final year as a defensive assistant with the NFL's New Orleans Saints under coach Jim Haslett. In that 2005 season, the Saints' pass defense ranked third in the entire NFL, allowing a paltry 178 yards per game.

A 15-year NFL coaching veteran, developing top notch defensive backs became his specialty as he was often sought after for new coaching staffs around the league, working with six different teams in his professional career.

In his four seasons during his second stint at Colorado, he helped tutor Terrence Wheatley, coaching him to first-team All-Big 12 honors and a second round NFL draft pick by the New England Patriots. He also tutored a pair of young cornerbacks in Jimmy Smith and Jalil Brown, the former a two-time All-Big 12 performer, as well as their coach for the 2010 season, Ashley Ambrose, who Brown recommended to Hawkins as a graduate assistant; he would replace Brown as secondary coach after his move to Arizona.

He coached the secondary for three years (1991-93) at Colorado under coach Bill McCartney, tutoring a pair of Jim Thorpe Award winners during his first days at CU: cornerbacks Deon Figures (the 1992 winner) and Chris Hudson (the '94 winner). Colorado led the nation in pass completion defense and the Big Eight in pass defense in 1992; he also coached the kickoff coverage unit on special teams for the Buffs. He joined the CU staff days after the Buffs won their first national championship (January 7, 1991), and returned to the NFL in 1994, joining the Atlanta staff as defensive backs coach; the Falcons finished second that season in the league with 23 interceptions.

He spent the 1995-96 seasons as the secondary coach for San Diego, with the Chargers finishing in the top five both years in fewest yards allowed per completion. He also coached Rodney Harrison, who eventually would become one of the league's top safeties. He moved on to the Tennessee Oilers, coaching the secondary in both 1997 and 1998; he again coached three of the top defensive backs in the game, cornerback Samari Rolle and safeties Blaine Bishop and All-Pro Marcus Robertson.

In 1999, he served as the defensive backs coach for the San Francisco 49ers; a twist with this was that had he not received an NFL offer, he was set to return to Colorado as a member of Gary Barnett's staff when he replaced Rick Neuheisel in January of that year. He rejoined the Atlanta Falcons as secondary coach for the 2000 and 2001 seasons before moving on to New Orleans, where he was a defensive assistant for quality control in 2002 before being promoted to defensive assistant/cornerbacks coach in 2003, a position he held for three seasons with the Saints.

He began his coaching career in 1981 as a graduate assistant at the University of Texas-El Paso, his alma mater, where he worked with the secondary. The following year, 1982, he came back to Colorado, working that fall as a defensive coach at Green Mountain High School in Lakewood.

He made his first move to the professional ranks the following spring, joining the staff of the Denver Gold of the United States Football League (USFL). He coached the secondary for the Gold for two seasons (1983, 1984) before moving on to the National Football League for the first time in the summer of 1984, joining the Tampa Bay Buccaneers staff. For the Bucs, he coached three different positions: defensive quality control (1984), offensive quality control (1985) and the U-backs/tight ends (1986).

Brown returned to the college game in 1987, coaching the defensive backs for two seasons at the University of Wyoming before doing the same at Purdue University for the 1989 and 1990 campaigns. He then returned home to Colorado for a second time in joining McCartney's staff in 1991.

He graduated from the UTEP in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in education (history/physical education). At UTEP, he lettered twice at cornerback under Bill Michael, and received the Coca-Cola Hold Helmet Award for his play against San Diego State in September 1979. He earned his A.A. degree from Glendale (Ariz.) Junior College in 1978.

He was born October 10, 1957 in Denver, and graduated from Arvada (Colo.) High School, where he lettered in both football and track. His father, Irv, is a long-time Denver radio personality and the former head baseball coach and one-time assistant football coach at the University of Colorado. He is married to the former Stacie Bible, and the couple has two daughters, Hannah (10) and Grace (8).

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (2): Deon Figures (Thorpe Award winner), Chris Hudson (Thorpe Award winner). All-Big Eight/12 Performers (6): Ronnie Bradford, Figures, Eric Hamilton, Hudson, Jimmy Smith, Terrence Wheatley. NFL Players/Draft Picks (8): Ronnie Bradford, Jalil Brown, Dennis Collier, Figures, Hudson, Steve Rosga, Smith, Wheatley. NFL All-Pro Performers (15): Ashley Ambrose, Blaine Bishop, Fakhir Brown, Ray Buchanan, Dale Carter, Scott Case, Rodney Harrison, Darrell Lewis, Tim McDonald, Mike McKenzie, Marcus Robertson, Samari Rolle, Kevin Ross, Lance Schulters, Fred Thomas.

RECORD—He has coached in 156 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 67-63-3 (44-50-3 at Colorado, 21-5 at Wyoming, 7-5 at Arizona and 5-17 with Purdue); he has coached in six bowl games, including one New Year's Day. Professionally, he coached in 241 National Football League games, including one playoff game, with six different teams (Atlanta twice, New Orleans, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa Bay, Tennessee), as well as in 36 United States Football League games with the Denver Gold.





J.D. BROOKHART *Passing Game Coordinator / Tight Ends/ Special Teams*



J.D. Brookhart is in his first year as the offensive passing game coordinator, tight ends coach and special teams coordinator at Colorado, having joined Jon Embree's original staff in the second wave of hires on December 14, 2010.

Overall, he is in his 16th season of coaching, his 14th on the collegiate level which includes six years as a head coach. He and Embree have a relationship that dates back to their high school days, despite attending rival colleges in the state.

Brookhart, 46, has an extensive coaching resume which includes six years (2004-09) as head coach at Akron University. The Mid-America Conference Coach of the Year for 2004, he was 30-42 overall in those six seasons, highlighted by the school's first MAC championship in 2005, which also earned the Zips their first-ever postseason bowl invitation.

With Akron having only gained Division I-A (FBS) status in 1987, Brookhart led the Zips to many firsts in program history, including the team's first bowl trip in 2005 where they fell to Memphis in the Motor City Bowl. In 2006 and 2008, the Zips posted wins over a pair of BCS teams when they defeated North Carolina State and Syracuse, respectively. In that '08 season, Brookhart's squad was tied for the lead in the MAC East Division with Buffalo when the two squads battled into a four overtime before the Bulls pulled out a 43-40 victory.

At Akron, he oversaw staffs that assembled the best recruiting classes in the MAC as determined by various publications in the winters 2005, 2006 and 2007. He was known as an offensive innovator with offenses led by Charlie Frye and then Luke Gesty, who rank first and third on the Zips all-time passing list, with nearly every offensive record the Zips had fall during his tenure there. Domenik Hixon and Jabari Arthur, both of whom he helped make strategic moves from defense to wide receiver, rank first and third on the Zips career receptions chart as well.

Brookhart had one of his players drafted into the National Football League, all in the first four rounds, in his first four seasons as head coach with Frye, Hixon, Andy Alleman and Reggie Corner all being selected. That feat over four years was only matched by 23 other schools and the Zips were the only non-BCS automatic qualifier to do so.

He began his coaching career with the Denver Broncos as an assistant in 1995 under then first-year head coach Mike Shanahan. In that role, he coordinated the defensive scout team and breaking down the opponent offenses while also working with special teams, all the time studying the west coast offense.

After two seasons with the Broncos, Brookhart entered the collegiate ranks, joining Walt Harris' staff at the University of Pittsburgh as tight ends coach while assisting with special teams, serving in that capacity for the 1998 and 1999 seasons. He then took over the wide receivers in 1999, the position he would coach the next five seasons, including after he was named offensive coordinator the following year (2000). Among the players he coached were Antonio Bryant and Larry Fitzgerald, both Biletnikoff Award winners who went on to stardom in the NFL; Fitzgerald was also the runner-up to the 2003 Heisman Trophy.

By the time he left Pitt after the 2003 season for Akron, the Panthers had appeared in the postseason four straight years, and twice produced top 20 passing offenses under his tutelage (18th in 2000 and 14th in 2003) with his wide receiver units mainly responsible for the potent offense. He also coached three other NFL wide receivers in

Latef Grim (Detroit Lions), Darcey Levy (Pittsburgh Steelers) and R.J. English (Atlanta Falcons) in his time with the Panthers.

Prior to getting into coaching, he had spent his first half dozen years after college as a salesman for The International at Castle Pines (PGA tournament) and Xerox in the Denver area before taking a job selling ultrasound equipment in Salt Lake City, eventually realizing he wanted to get into coaching.

He spent one year at BYU as a walk-on receiver before transferring to Colorado State, where started for three seasons and finished his career ranked sixth in both career receptions (111) and receiving yards (1,873), numbers that still has him the Rams' top 10. He graduated from CSU in 1988, earning his degree in Business (Finance); he was a first-team GTE Academic All-American as a senior in 1987.

Brookhart was born October 16, 1964 in Pueblo, Colo., and graduated from Englewood's Cherry Creek High School where he played high school football with Embree (and were coached by his father, Jack Brookhart). After college, he signed as a free agent with the Los Angeles Rams, where he was reunited in camp with Embree, who was drafted by the club the year before. Brookhart and his wife Jami have four sons, Joseph (12), Jamison (9), John (6) and Jake (3).

TOP PLAYERS COACHED: All-Americans (3): Jabari Arthur, Antonio Bryant (Biletnikoff Award Winner), Larry Fitzgerald (Biletnikoff Award Winner/Heisman Runner-Up). All-Big East/MAC Performers (27): Arthur, Brett Biggs, Deryn Bowser, Jalil Carter, Reggie Corner, Bryant, Fitzgerald, Charlie Frye, Luke Getsy, Kiki Gonzalez, Miguel Graham, Kevin Grant, Latef Grim, David Harvey, Domenik Hixon, Andre Jones, Chris Kemme, Dennis Kennedy, Greg Lee, John Mackey, Dashan Miller, Jay Rohr, Almondo Sewell, Brion Stokes, Bryan Wagner, Bryan Williams, Corey Woods. Big East Offensive Players of the Year (2): Bryant, Fitzgerald. NFL Players/Draft Picks (9): Andy Alleman, Bryant, Corner, Fitzgerald, Frye, Grim, Hixon, Darcey Levy, R.J. English.

RECORD: He has coached in 156 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 74-82, including 30-42 as the head coach at Akron and 44-40 as an assistant coach at Pittsburgh. He has coached in six bowl games, one as a head coach and five as an assistant.





BRIAN CABRAL

Defensive Run Game Coordinator / Linebackers



Brian Cabral is in his 23rd season at the University of Colorado, his 22nd as a full time assistant coach, as he joined the Buffalo staff as graduate assistant in 1989. When Jon Embree was hired as the program's head coach on December 6, 2010, one of the first things he did was to keep Cabral on staff, naming him defensive run game coordinator along with maintaining his coaching role with the linebackers.

In his tenure, Cabral has also held various other titles, including interim head coach, associate head coach and assistant head coach.

His 22 years as a full-time assistant rank as the most in CU history, not only for football but for all sports, as in 2008 he passed two legendary "Franks," Potts and Prentup, both of whom assisted Buff head football coaches for 18 seasons. Since he joined the staff, he has always coached the inside linebackers, and occasionally has had the outside 'backers under his direction as well. From 1999 through 2005, he also coached the punt return unit on special teams, and served as the director of CU's summer football camps from 1995 through 2005 and for a brief time as recruiting coordinator.

Cabral, 55, has now worked under five head coaches during his tenure: Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett, Dan Hawkins and Embree. For all seven seasons under Barnett, Cabral also was the assistant head coach, which included a three-month period in 2004 as interim head coach when Barnett was on paid administrative leave. In that role, he continued to coach his position players but also took care of day-to-day operational details of the program.

Hawkins promoted him to associate head coach on February 7, 2008, citing his leadership in noting that "no one person has had more influence in the success of Colorado football than Brian Cabral." When Hawkins was relieved of his duties as head coach on November 8, 2010, Cabral was once again named interim head coach, this time having to finish out the season and pilot the Buffs in game situations. He led Colorado to a 2-1 record, with wins over Iowa State (34-14) and Kansas State (44-36) before a 45-17 loss at Nebraska ended CU's hopes for a bowl invitation as the Buffs finished the year with a 5-7 record.

You could also call him an ambassador for his native Hawai'i, as he has worked youth camps in the state as well as all-Polynesian camps in the states. He is a founding board member of the Polynesian Coaches Association, formed ahead of the 2007 season.

In the summer of 2002, he was one of 500 nationwide recipients of the AFLAC National Assistant Coach-of-the-Year Award. Coaches on all levels were honored, from youth to professional, and he was one of 10 selected regionally to receive the award. In 2008, CBSSportsline.com selected him to its "All-Coach" team at the linebacker position.

Cabral tutored the inside linebackers his first year in Boulder as a grad assistant, and assumed full-time duties in the same capacity in 1990 and has coached the position at CU to this day. He returned to Colorado, his alma mater, from Purdue, where he coached the inside linebackers for two seasons (1987-88).

Known as one of the top linebacker coaches in the nation, his students have included Matt Russell, the 1996 Butkus Award winner, all-Big Eight performers Greg Biekert, Chad Brown and Ted Johnson, all of whom went on to stardom in the National Football League, and all-Big 12 linebacker Jordon Dizon, a consensus All-American who was also the league defensive player of the year for 2007. He also recruited tailback Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman trophy winner, and Chris Naeole, a 1996 All-American guard.

His 2001 punt return team led the nation with a 17.4 average, and also boasted the nation's top individual return man in Roman Hollowell, who averaged 18.0 per return and scored two touchdowns. In 2002, Jeremy Bloom averaged 15.0 yards per return and was 13th in the nation as a freshman (ranking 21st as a sophomore in '03). Cabral prided himself on

the team being composed largely of non-starters, drawing comparison to his roots when he was special teams captain of the Chicago Bears.

He is a 1978 CU graduate, as he earned a B.S. degree in therapeutic recreation. He lettered three seasons for the Buffs at linebacker from 1975 to 1977 under Coach Bill Mallory, as he was a captain and played a big role on CU's Big Eight champion team in 1976. He led CU with 13 tackles (12 solo) in the 1977 Orange Bowl against Ohio State. As a senior, he was honored as the Big Eight Conference's player of the week for a monster 25 tackles in a CU 27-21 win over Stanford and shared the team's Sure Tackler Award with Mark Haynes. That 25-tackle game included 13 solo stops and is still tied for the fourth most in a single game in CU history.

Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career (120 solo, 177 assisted), a number that still has him tied for 16th on Colorado's all-time list. A unique fact is that he has coached 10 of the other 19 players in CU's all-time top 20, including eight players on the list ahead of him: Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown, Michael Jones, Jashon Sykes, Thaddaeus Washington and Jordon Dizon (seven rank in the top nine). His players through the years have registered over 6,000 tackles wearing the Black & Gold he once wore.

He was a nine-year NFL veteran, as Atlanta drafted him in the fourth round in 1978. He played two seasons with Atlanta, one with Green Bay and six with Chicago. As the captain of the Bears' special teams, he was a member of Chicago's Super Bowl XX champion team in 1985. He was selected as the Frito-Lay Unsung Hero in the Bears' win over New England, as he had two solo and two assisted tackles on special teams.

He was born June 23, 1956, in Fort Benning, Ga., but grew up in Kailua, Hawaii. He is married to the former Becky Lucas, and they have three grown children, son Kyle and daughters Maile and Mele. He is an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has authored a book ("Second String Champion"), and his hobbies include surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding.

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (3): Jordon Dizon (Butkus Award runner-up), Roman Hollowell (punt returner), Matt Russell (Butkus Award winner). All-Big Eight/12 Performers (7): Greg Biekert, Chad Brown, Dizon, Hollowell, Ted Johnson (Butkus Award runner-up), Michael Jones, Russell. Big 12 Defensive Players of the Year (1): Dizon. Big 12 Defensive Newcomers of the Year (1): Dizon. NFL Players/Draft Picks (10): Biekert, Brown, Dizon, Johnson, Ron Merkersen, Hannibal Navies, Russell, Jashon Sykes, Sean Tufts, Drew Wahlroos.

RECORD—He has coached in 279 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 150-103-4 at Colorado (161-104-4 including his graduate assistant year); Purdue was 7-14-1 when he was on the Boilermaker staff. He has coached in 14 bowl games (six New Year's Day).





BOBBY KENNEDY

Wide Receivers



Bobby Kennedy is in his first season as the wide receivers coach at Colorado, joining the staff of new coach Jon Embree on January 5, 2011. Overall, he is in his 21st season of coaching on the collegiate level.

Kennedy, 44, was born in Denver but raised in Boulder, thus this is a true homecoming for him. He came to CU from the University of Texas, where he spent seven seasons (2004-10) as wide receivers coach, and the last six as the assistant recruiting coordinator. In his time at

Texas, he coached in two BCS National Championship games, in the 2005 Rose Bowl thriller over USC when the Longhorns won the national championship, and in 2009 against Alabama.

His first season in Austin was immediately after the Longhorns had lost three wide receivers to the National Football League. He proceeded to build up a receiver corps that included three Biletnikoff Award candidates, including two semifinalists and one finalist. In 2008, Jordan Shipley and Quan Cosby both surpassed 85 receptions and 1,000 yards becoming the 11th duo in NCAA history to both go over 1,000 yards. Then in 2009, Shipley was a consensus All-American setting UT records for catches (116), receiving yards (1,485) and matched the school record for receiving touchdowns with 13.

His receivers amassed 142 catches in 2005, helping the Longhorns to the third-best single-season passing mark in school history. With the emergence of Colt McCoy at quarterback in 2006, the receivers upped those marks to 158 receptions for 2,180 yards and 25 touchdowns as McCoy broke the UT record for touchdown passes that season and then in 2007, the receivers caught 187 passes for 2,275 yards and 18 touchdowns before the emergence of Cosby and Shipley. At Texas, Shipley earned All-America honors in two seasons and he also coached five receivers to seven All-Big 12 honors in seven years.

Kennedy's other coaching stops include six major college programs and a pair of Pac-12 schools. He went to Texas from Washington, where he tutored Huskies wide receiver Reggie Williams to two All-America campaigns before he became the No. 9 overall pick in the 2004 NFL Draft. Williams set UW's single season mark for receptions (94) and receiving yards (1,454) in 2002 and then the next year was fourth in the NCAA in receptions (7.4 per game) and 16th in yardage (92.4). He finished his career as the Huskies all-time leading receiver with 238 receptions and 3,536 yards.

He joined the UW staff after one season at Arizona (2001), where he coached the running backs and helped Wildcat sophomore Clarence Farmer to a first-team All-Pac 10 honor leading the league in rushing (111.7 yards per game), a mark that was good for 21st nationally.

Prior to Arizona, he had a six-year tenure at Wake Forest, coaching the Demon Deacon running backs in 1999-2000 after four years (1995-98) as receivers coach. He mentored Desmond Clark, the ACC's leading receiver and Jammie Deese, who was second in the ACC in receiving in 1998. After moving to the running backs spot, he coached Morgan Kane, who would wind up the third leading rusher in school history and rushed for 1,161 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1999.

His first full time coaching job came at Wyoming, coaching the wide receivers in 1993-94. He coached two extremely talented receivers while in Laramie in Ryan Yarborough, who was second in the NCAA in receptions in 1993, and Marcus Harris, who led the nation in receiving yards in 1994. Both Harris and Yarborough earned All-America honors for the Cowboys.

Kennedy got his start in the college ranks in the Big 10 Conference with two graduate assistant positions, first for two years (1990-91) at Illinois and then in 1992 at Penn State under Joe Paterno. While at Illinois, he was on the Illini staff that dealt Colorado its only loss, 23-22, in CU's national championship season. At Penn State, he worked with the tight ends and helped coach two future All-Americans in Troy Drayton and Kyle Brady.

He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in Political Science in 1989 after lettering at quarterback for four seasons from 1985-88. He began his coaching career at Boulder High School, his alma mater, where he graduated from in 1985 and lettered in football and track. He is married to the former LaShonda Lawrence.

TOP PLAYERS COACHED: All-Americans (4): Marcus Harris, Jordan Shipley, Reggie Williams, Ryan Yarborough. All-Big 12/Pac-10/ACC/MWC (9): Desmond Clark, Quan Cosby, Clarence Farmer, Marcus Harris, Morgan Kane, Billy Pittman, Shipley, Sweed, Yarborough.

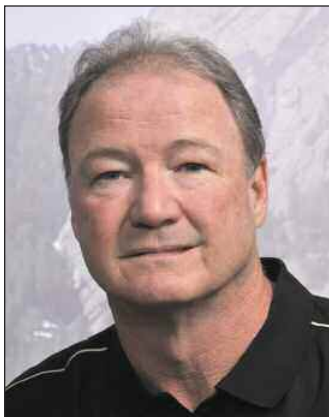
RECORD: He has coached in 217 Division I-A games as a full-time coach with a record of 128-89, (75-15 at Texas, 13-12 at Washington, 5-6 at Arizona, 21-46 at Wake Forest and 14-10 at Wyoming). Including his time as a grad assistant at Illinois and Penn State, he has coached in 12 bowl games, including four BCS bowl games (two BCS title games at the Rose Bowl, one Rose and a Fiesta).





STEVE MARSHALL

Offensive Line



Steve Marshall is in the first season of his second coaching stint at Colorado, having joined new coach Jon Embree's staff as offensive line coach in his second wave of hires on December 14, 2010.

Overall, he is in his 32nd year of coaching in the collegiate and professional ranks. He returned to Colorado from California, where he was the offensive line coach for two seasons (2009-10). He coached three Bears to All-Pac 10 recognition, and in his second year, Cal dramatically reduced its number of sacks allowed, improving from ninth to

fourth in the conference.

Marshall, 55, and Embree worked together on Gary Barnett's CU staff in 2000-01. Marshall coached the offensive line those two seasons when the Buffs had one of the most dominant rushing attacks in college football. CU won the 2001 Big 12 Conference title and earned a trip to the Fiesta Bowl. He also coached the offensive field goal/PAT and kickoff return units on special teams.

Over the course of those two seasons, Marshall helped groom five players who were drafted or played in the NFL, including five-time Pro Bowl selection Andre Gurode, a mainstay at center for the Dallas Cowboys. Gurode earned first-team All-America honors in 2001, and another one of his players, Wayne Lucier, did the same a year after he departed in 2002; Victor Rogers was a third-team All-American in 2001. Gurode (twice), Rogers, Lucier and Justin Bates were all first-team All-Big 12 performers, with Lucier and Rogers going on to have four-year careers in the NFL. A fifth player he tutored, Tom Ashworth, signed as a free agent in the NFL with New England and went on to play seven years for the Patriots (earning three Super Bowl rings) and Seattle.

Marshall has been a member of coaching staffs at 11 Division I schools and two NFL teams in his 31 years as an offensive line coach. He has coached in every BCS automatic qualifying conference except the Big Ten and CU is now the third Pac-12 school he has coached at along with Cal and UCLA.

In-between his first stint at Colorado and resurfacing in the college ranks at Cal, Marshall coached in the NFL for six years, four with the Houston Texans (2002-05) and after one year out of coaching, returned to the pros for two seasons with the Cleveland Browns (2007-08). In Houston, he was on the Texans' inaugural coaching staff for the expansion franchise's first four years of its existence, first as the assistant offensive line coach for two seasons and then the offensive line coach the next two, the same position he would hold in Cleveland. In 2007, the Browns had the third-fewest sacks allowed in the NFL (only 19 in 16 games), while in 2008, Marshall's work helped pave the way for Jamal Lewis to have a 1,000 yard rushing season.

He came to Colorado the first time around from North Carolina, where he was both the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for two seasons in 1998-99. The '98 Tar Heels made an appearance in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Marshall began his coaching career as offensive line coach at Plymouth State (N.H.) in 1979, and then moved on to Tennessee for two years (1980-81) as a part-time assistant coach, also working with the offensive line.

He spent the 1982 and 1983 seasons at Marshall University, coaching both the O-line and the kicking game, and accepted his first full time job on the Division I-A level at Louisville, his alma mater, coaching the line as well as the tight ends for the 1984 season. He was the offensive coordinator and line coach for head coach Frank Beamer at Murray State in 1985-86, and then went with Beamer as the line

coach when he was named head coach at Virginia Tech in 1987.

He was promoted to offensive coordinator for the Hokies a year later and remained in Blacksburg through the 1992 season before returning to Tennessee coach the offensive line. His second stint in Knoxville was for three years (1993-95), the last also as the running game coordinator. He then spent the 1996 season as offensive line coach at UCLA and 1997 at Texas A&M, where he was both coordinator and line coach. The Aggies won the Big 12 South Division that season, but lost to Nebraska in the league's second annual title game.

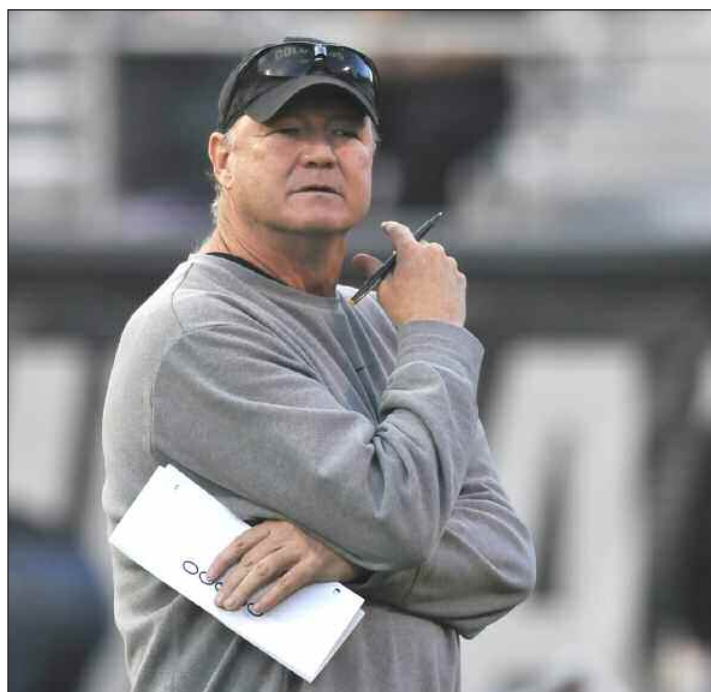
Marshall joined the North Carolina staff under Carl Torbush in 1998 as offensive coordinator and line coach. The Tar Heels were beset by injuries, but still increased their scoring against six common opponents from the year before.

He is a 1979 graduate of the University of Louisville, earning a B.S. degree in both history and physical education. He lettered twice at Louisville in football, at both tight end and guard for coach Vince Gibson, and as a junior, played in the Independence Bowl.

He was born June 20, 1956, in Hartford, Conn., and graduated from Rockville High School (Vernon, Conn.), where he lettered in football. He is married to the former Karin Ross, and his hobbies include racquetball and traveling.

TOP PLAYERS COACHED: All-Americans (4): Kris Farris (won Outland Trophy), Andre Gurode, Jim Pyne, Victor Rogers. All-Big 12/Pac-10/South Independent/SEC (15): Bruce Armstrong, Justin Bates, Farris, Chris Guarnero, Gurode, Jason Layman, Wayne Lucier, Steve McKinney, Bubba Miller, Chad Overhauser, Rogers, Chris Rutman, Mitchell Schwartz, Jeff Smith, Mike Tepper. NFL Players/Draft Picks (17): Armstrong, Tom Ashworth, Bates, Eugene Chung, Farris, Brian Jones, Layman, Lucier, McKinney, Miller, Alan Mogridge, Overhauser, Pyne, Rogers, Smith, Tepper, Rex Tucker. NFL All-Pro/Pro Bowl (1): Gurode.

RECORD: He has coached in 372 games in his career, 208 at the Division I level as a full-time assistant coach (24 at Colorado), 231 counting his time at Tennessee as a part time coach, 45 in Division II or the FCS level and 96 in the NFL. He has coached in one collegiate playoff game and eight bowl games at the Division I level, including four traditional New Year's Day games.





KANAVIS McGHEE

Defensive Line / Special Teams Assistant



Kanavis McGhee is in his first season as defensive line coach and assistant special teams coach at Colorado, as he was hired in the second wave of assistants on December 14, 2010 on new CU head coach Jon Embree's first staff.

This is McGhee's first major college coaching position. He did not coach in 2010, his first season not on the sidelines in 13 years, but instead taught college courses in business at Houston's Challenge Early College High School.

McGhee, 42, brings great recruiting and life-long connections to the talent-rich Houston area.

While McGhee's college coaching resume is limited to one year at Gannon (Pa.) University, where he coached the linebackers in 2008, he spent two seasons in NFL Europe as a defensive assistant with the Amsterdam Admirals (2006-07), participating in a program that was a collaboration between the NFL Players Association and NFL Player Development. That followed 10 seasons coaching in the Houston-area high school ranks.

He began his career at Wheatley High School, his alma mater, where he spent three years (1997-99) coaching the defensive line, including the last two as defensive coordinator. He then moved on to Madison High, where he coached for five seasons (2000-04), the first as defensive line coach and the last four as defensive coordinator. In 2005, he was the head coach at Ross Shaw Sterling High, and after being away for three years in Europe and at Gannon, he returned to the area in 2009 and was an assistant at Bellaire High.

He lettered four seasons at outside linebacker for the Buffaloes (1987-90), becoming just the fourth player at the time to earn first-team all-league honors three different years (only seven have now

accomplished it). He also was an All-American three different seasons, highlighted by first-team recognition as a junior; he garnered second-team honors as a sophomore in 1988 and honorable mention accolades as a senior in 1990, when he helped lead Colorado to the consensus national championship. The Buffs also won two Big 8 Conference championships in his tenure (1989, 1990).

As a senior, he was a candidate for the Butkus and Lombardi awards after being one of four finalists for the Lombardi as a junior in 1989. In 41 career games, he was in on 297 tackles (179 solo) and recorded 15 quarterback sacks, sixth on CU's all-time lists for both at the time, along with 38 tackles for loss, the third-most at that juncture in school history. A broken right ankle kept him out of the better part of the last two games of his sophomore season, when he had a career-best 102 tackles, 11 for losses. He had 94 tackles, 14 for losses, with 17 quarterback pressures as a senior.

He played five seasons in the National Football League with three teams, the first three with the New York Giants, who drafted him in the second round of the 1991 NFL Draft (55th player selected overall). After sustaining an injury in his third season with the Giants, he went on to play with Cincinnati (1994) and Houston (1995) before retiring from the league after playing in 50 games over those five seasons.

Following his time in pro football, he returned to Boulder, earning his degree in Business Administration from CU in 1995.

He was born October 4, 1968 in Houston. He graduated from Houston's Wheatley High School in 1987, where he earned first-team all-district honors his senior year when he had 102 tackles, 16 quarterback sacks and six fumble recoveries. He had 88 tackles and 12 sacks as a junior and also played tight end, catching 23 passes for over 200 yards and eight touchdowns. He also played basketball and participated in track and field. He is single.





MIKE TUIASOSOPO

Defensive Line



Mike Tuia is in his first year as defensive line coach at Colorado, as he joined Jon Embree's new staff in his second wave of hires on December 14, 2010. He is in his 22nd year of coaching, including his 16th at the Division I level as a full-time assistant coach.

Tuia, 47, came to Colorado after having spent seven seasons (2004-10) as the defensive line coach at the University of Arizona. An original member of Mike Stoops' staff for the Wildcats, he coached the defensive tackles his four seasons in Tucson and the

Draft, and Jonathan Fanene, who was drafted that same year (7th round) by the Cincinnati Bengals. After one year in Salt Lake City, he headed south and joined Stoops' staff at Arizona.

He also served two of the prestigious NFL Minority Intern Fellowships, with the San Francisco 49ers (1997) and the Green Bay Packers (2002).

Tuia comes from a football rich family tradition. His uncle, Bob Apisa, was a two-time All-America fullback at Michigan State and was drafted by Green Bay in 1968. A cousin, Manu Tuia, was a two-time All-America defensive lineman at UCLA and was the No. 18 overall pick by Seattle in the 1979 NFL Draft and started for the Super Bowl XIX champion (1984 season) San Francisco 49ers.

A younger brother, Navy, lettered at Utah State from 1983-86 and played for both the Los Angeles Rams and St. Louis Cardinals, with a younger sibling, Titus, playing for Southern California from 1988-91. His nephew, Marques Tuia, was a quarterback at Washington and was drafted by the Oakland Raiders and also played for the New York Jets. A nephew, Conan Amituanai, just finished his career as an offensive lineman at Arizona.

He was born on September 10, 1963, in American Samoa and grew up in Carson, Calif. He graduated from Phineas Banning High School in Wilmington, Calif., where he lettered in football. He is married to the former Kathy Bowles, and the couple has four children, daughters Lanea (14) and Maya (13), and sons Titus (9) and Luke (2).

TOP PLAYERS COACHED: Big West Defensive Player of the Year (1): Ben Crosland. All-WAC/Big West/Mountain West/Pac-10 (9): Jorge Cordova, Crosland, Lionel Dotson, Ricky Elmore, Jonathan Fanene, Walter Fiebia, Lindsay Hassell, Earl Mitchell, Sione Pouha. NFL Players/Draft Picks (8): Cordova, Dotson, Elmore, Mitchell, Hannibal Navies, Brooks Reed, De'Aundre Reed, Marcus Williams.

RECORD: He has coached in 176 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 80-96, including 41-43 at Arizona in seven years, 10-2 at Utah in one season, 10-25 in three years at Nevada and 19-26 in four years at Utah State. He has coached in four bowl games, two at Arizona and one each at Utah State and Utah.

entire line for the last three.

At Arizona, the Wildcats ranked among the top schools in total defense the last three seasons (24th in 2008, 25th in 2009, 33rd in 2010), leading the Pac-10 in quarterback sacks all three years, largely due to the 'Cats defensive front.

Ricky Elmore (All-Pac 10 in 2010), Brooks Reed and De'Aundre Reed, all defensive ends, were selected in the 2011 NFL Draft (Brooks Reed was a second round pick, the 42nd overall), and he also coached two others that earned all-conference honors who were drafted into the league, Earl Mitchell (third rounder in 2010) and Lionel Dotson (2008). In 2010, he coached Justin Washington to several Freshman All-America honors.

He lettered four years as a defensive tackle at Pacific Lutheran University (1985-88), starting his sophomore through senior years. He was a two-time first-team All-Columbia Conference performer, and junior year, Pacific Lutheran won the NAIA Division II National Championship. PLU was 36-7-2 during his career.

After he graduated from Pacific Lutheran with a degree in Physical Education and Health in 1989, he soon entered coaching, working as the defensive line and special teams coach at Montclair Academy (Van Nuys, Calif.) in 1990, before joining the University of Pacific staff as a graduate assistant for the 1991 season. While coaching at Pacific as well as at nearby St. Mary's High School in Stockton in 1992, he earned his master's degree from Pacific in Education Administration Credentials in 1991.

He would serve as head coach the next three seasons (1993-95) at Berkeley High School. In his time there, he coached two future Buffs, Hannibal Navies and Rashidi Barnes, both of whom would also go on to play professional football. Embree was the primary recruiter of both Navies and Barnes to Colorado and thus the relationship between the two was formed.

In 1997, he entered the Division I-A coaching ranks for the first time, joining the Utah State staff where he coached the defensive line for the next four seasons (1996-99). With the Aggies, he coached three all-Big West defensive linemen, including the 1997 Big West Defensive Player of the Year Ben Crosland. Utah State played Colorado in Boulder in 1998 and Tuia's defensive line helped keep the Aggies in the game until the fourth quarter, registering eight sacks of CU quarterback Mike Moschetti (for 83 yards in losses) before CU eventually pulled away for a 25-6 win.

He then moved on and coached the D-line at the University of Nevada the next three years (2000-02). At Nevada, he coached WAC sack leader Jorge Cordova, who was a third round draft pick of the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2004.

From Nevada, he joined Urban Meyer's staff at the University of Utah where he coached the defensive tackles for the 2003 season. He was instrumental there in the recruitment and development of Sione Pouha, a third round selection by the New York Jets in the 2005 NFL





MALCOLM BLACKEN

Director of Speed-Strength & Conditioning



Malcolm Blacken is in his first year CU's director of speed-strength and conditioning at Colorado, having joined the staff in January 2011.

He works directly on a day-to-day basis with football, while overseeing the speed, strength and conditioning needs of all 16 CU varsity programs.

Blacken, 45, came to Colorado from the National Football League's Washington Redskins, where he was the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the 2010 season, his second stint with the club; it's where he met Jon Embree, who lured him to Colorado after he was named CU's head football coach. Embree was in his first year as an assistant with the Redskins as well.

He worked 15 years as a strength coach in the NFL, serving as the head strength and conditioning coach for the Detroit Lions for nine years (2001-09) which followed his first run as an assistant with the Redskins that covered five seasons (1996-2000).

Prior to joining the NFL ranks, he served as an assistant strength coach for the University of Virginia in 1995, which followed three years as the head strength coach at George Mason University from 1992-94. At both Virginia and George Mason, he was responsible for all of each university's varsity sports. He began his coaching career at the University of South Carolina as an assistant strength and conditioning coach from 1990-91.

He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1989 with a degree in Physical Education, while also earning a minor in Fine Arts. He lettered four times in the offensive backfield for the Hokies from 1985-88, the last two seasons as the starting fullback. He was a two-time winner of the Super Iron Hokie Award, given to the program's strongest player at each position.

A native of Mathews County, Va., he graduated from Mathews County High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. An All-State performer in football and track, he was the 1983 state champion in the 100-meter dash in a 10.71 time. He is married to the former Marcy Buskirk, and the couple has two children, daughter Maya (a nationally accomplished performer in the long jump as just a 12-year old), and son Bo.

Blacken is an accomplished artist (painting), and is an avid Harley Davidson rider.



Student Assistants



Matt Allen



Cha'pelle Brown



Maxwell Tuioiti-Mariner